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**AN ACT CONCERNING EFFICIENCIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-112 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (a) To entitle any person to receive or retain a motor vehicle  
5 operator's license or a certificate of registration of any motor vehicle  
6 when, in the opinion of the commissioner, such person [has violated  
7 any of the provisions of section 14-222, section 14-224 or subsection (a)  
8 of section 14-227a or any similar provision of the laws of any other  
9 state or any territory, or who has been convicted of, or has forfeited  
10 any bond taken for appearance for, or has received a suspended  
11 judgment or sentence for, a violation of any of said provisions, or who  
12 has been held or found criminally responsible in connection with any  
13 motor vehicle accident resulting in the death of any person, or who]  
14 has a record on file with the commissioner which is sufficient, in the  
15 opinion of the commissioner, to require evidence of financial  
16 responsibility for the reasonable protection of other persons, the  
17 commissioner shall require from such person proof of financial  
18 responsibility to satisfy any claim for damages by reason of personal  
19 injury to, or the death of, any one person, of twenty thousand dollars,

20 or by reason of personal injury to, or the death of, more than one  
21 person on account of any accident, of at least forty thousand dollars,  
22 and for damage to property of at least ten thousand dollars. [, except  
23 that, for violations of section 14-222 or section 14-224 if there is no  
24 personal injury and the property damage is under one thousand  
25 dollars, the commissioner may, in his discretion, waive such  
26 requirements.] When the commissioner requires proof of financial  
27 responsibility from an operator or owner of any motor vehicle, he may  
28 require proof in the amounts herein specified for each vehicle operated  
29 or owned by such person. If any person fails to furnish such proof, the  
30 commissioner shall, until such proof is furnished, suspend or revoke  
31 the license of such person to operate a motor vehicle or refuse to return  
32 any license which has been suspended or revoked in accordance with  
33 the provisions of section 14-111, as amended, or suspend or revoke the  
34 registration of any such motor vehicle or vehicles or refuse thereafter  
35 to register any motor vehicle owned by such person or refuse to  
36 register any motor vehicle transferred by him if it does not appear to  
37 the commissioner's satisfaction that such transfer is a bona fide sale, or,  
38 if such person is not a resident of this state, withdraw from such  
39 person the privilege of operating any motor vehicle in this state and  
40 the privilege of operation within this state of any motor vehicle owned  
41 by him. Prior to such suspension, revocation or withdrawal, notice  
42 thereof shall be given by the commissioner by a notice forwarded by  
43 bulk certified mail to the address of such person as shown by the  
44 records of the commissioner. No appeal taken from the judgment of  
45 any court shall act as a stay to any action of the commissioner  
46 authorized by the provisions of this section.

47 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-213b of the general statutes is  
48 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
49 *1, 2004*):

50 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the  
51 registration, and the operator's license, if any, of an owner, for a first  
52 conviction of violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section  
53 for a period of one month and for a second or subsequent conviction

54 for a period of six months. [No new registration shall be issued or  
55 restored for any private passenger motor vehicle or a vehicle with a  
56 combination or commercial registration, as defined in section 14-1, the  
57 registration for which has been suspended pursuant to this subsection  
58 until the owner has filed proof of financial responsibility in accordance  
59 with section 14-112. Any financial responsibility filing shall be  
60 maintained for a period of three years unless waived by the  
61 commissioner after one year has elapsed, or unless such registration  
62 for such motor vehicle has been cancelled or the commissioner is  
63 satisfied that a transfer of the private passenger motor vehicle has been  
64 made in good faith and not for the purpose of or with the effect of  
65 circumventing the intention of sections 14-12b and 14-12c.] No  
66 operator's license which has been suspended pursuant to this  
67 subsection shall be restored until the owner has provided evidence to  
68 the commissioner that he maintains the security required by section  
69 38a-371 for each motor vehicle registered in his name.

70 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 14-171 of the general statutes is  
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
72 *1, 2004*):

73 (c) If the application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in  
74 another state or country, the application shall contain or be  
75 accompanied by: (1) Any certificate of title issued by the other state or  
76 country; (2) any other information and documents the commissioner  
77 reasonably requires to establish the ownership of the vehicle and the  
78 existence or nonexistence of security interests in it; and (3) evidence  
79 that the manufacturer's identification number of the vehicle was  
80 [inspected at the time of registration] verified, by a means acceptable to  
81 the commissioner, or inspected by a licensed dealer in accordance with  
82 subsection (c) of section 14-99h.

83 Sec. 4. Subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the  
84 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
85 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

86 (3) Upon the registration of each new motor vehicle subject to the  
87 inspection requirements of this chapter, or of each motor vehicle that is  
88 four or less model years of age that has not been registered previously  
89 in this state, the commissioner [shall] may issue a sticker indicating the  
90 exempt status of such motor vehicle and the date on which the motor  
91 vehicle is scheduled to be presented for inspection. [Such] Any such  
92 sticker that may be issued shall be displayed on the motor vehicle in  
93 accordance with subsection (d) of this section. On and after July 1,  
94 2002, the commissioner shall charge a fee of forty dollars in addition to  
95 any other fees required for such registration. All receipts from the  
96 payment of such fee shall be deposited in the Special Transportation  
97 Fund.

98 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 14-19a of the general statutes is  
99 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
100 *1, 2004*):

101 (c) On or after July 1, [1991] 2004, the commissioner [shall] may  
102 issue special certificates of registration and special number plates in  
103 accordance with the regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this  
104 section provided he may not issue a set of special number plates  
105 bearing the same numerals as any other plate issued by the  
106 department. The commissioner may discontinue the issuance of any  
107 such special number plates issued for a qualified organization, or  
108 special plates issued in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-  
109 21f to 14-21p, inclusive, at any time, upon written notice to the  
110 organization if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the demand for  
111 such plates is insufficient to support the costs of production.

112 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 14-103 of the general statutes, as  
113 amended by section 36 of public act 03-3 of the June 30 special session,  
114 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
115 *1, 2004*):

116 (c) All state and local police officers, whenever they see a motor  
117 vehicle being operated in apparent violation of any statute relative to

118 the equipment of a motor vehicle, may stop such vehicle and may  
119 issue to the operator a warning of defective equipment directing the  
120 owner of such vehicle to take it to any inspection station approved by  
121 the commissioner and have such vehicle restored to safe operating  
122 condition and officially inspected as soon as possible, and not later  
123 than ten days from the date of the issuance of the warning notice. Such  
124 warning shall be furnished by the commissioner in such form as the  
125 commissioner prescribes and shall be in triplicate, the original of  
126 which shall be mailed by the issuing officer to the Department of  
127 Motor Vehicles. The duplicate copy shall be given to the motor vehicle  
128 operator and shall be presented to the official inspection station at the  
129 time the vehicle is submitted for examination. The triplicate copy shall  
130 be retained by the issuing officer for such officer's department records.  
131 When the inspection station approves such vehicle, its authorized  
132 representative shall sign the duplicate copy of the warning of defective  
133 equipment and mail it to the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the  
134 Department of Motor Vehicles does not receive the duplicate copy, as  
135 approved by the inspection station, within twenty days from the date  
136 of issuance, [the commissioner may assess the owner of the motor  
137 vehicle a civil penalty of fifty dollars. If such owner fails to pay such  
138 penalty within the time prescribed by the commissioner] or if the  
139 registration for such vehicle is not cancelled, the commissioner, after  
140 giving notice and an opportunity for a hearing to such motorist, [shall]  
141 may suspend the [registration of the motor vehicle] privilege of the  
142 owner to register any motor vehicle or to operate any motor vehicle on  
143 the highways of this state that is registered in another jurisdiction,  
144 until such time as [the penalty is paid and] the vehicle is restored to  
145 safe operating condition.

146 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the general statutes, as  
147 amended by section 5 of public act 03-265, is repealed and the  
148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

149 (a) Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless  
150 another construction is clearly apparent from the language or context  
151 in which the term is used or unless the construction is inconsistent

152 with the manifest intention of the General Assembly:

153 (1) "Agricultural tractor" means a tractor or other form of  
154 nonmuscular motive power used for transporting, hauling, plowing,  
155 cultivating, planting, harvesting, reaping or other agricultural  
156 purposes on any farm or other private property, or used for the  
157 purpose of transporting, from one farm to another, agricultural  
158 implements and farm products, provided the agricultural tractor is not  
159 used on any highway for transporting a pay load or for some other  
160 commercial purpose;

161 (2) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor  
162 vehicle twenty-five years old or older which is being preserved  
163 because of historic interest and which is not altered or modified from  
164 the original manufacturer's specifications;

165 (3) "Apparent candle power" means an illumination equal to the  
166 normal illumination in foot candles produced by any lamp or lamps,  
167 divided by the square of the distance in feet between the lamp or  
168 lamps and the point at which the measurement is made;

169 (4) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means (A) a fire department  
170 vehicle, (B) a police vehicle, or (C) a public service company or  
171 municipal department ambulance or emergency vehicle designated or  
172 authorized for use as an authorized emergency vehicle by the  
173 commissioner;

174 (5) "Auxiliary driving lamp" means an additional lighting device on  
175 a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the general illumination  
176 in front of a motor vehicle provided by the motor vehicle's head lamps;

177 (6) "Bulb" means a light source consisting of a glass bulb containing  
178 a filament or substance capable of being electrically maintained at  
179 incandescence;

180 (7) "Camp trailer" includes any trailer designed and used  
181 exclusively for camping or recreational purposes;

182 (8) "Camper" means any motor vehicle designed or permanently  
183 altered in such a way as to provide temporary living quarters for  
184 travel, camping or recreational purposes;

185 (9) "Combination registration" means the type of registration issued  
186 to a motor vehicle used for both private passenger and commercial  
187 purposes if such vehicle does not have a gross vehicle weight rating in  
188 excess of ten thousand pounds;

189 (10) "Commercial driver's license" or "CDL" means a license issued  
190 to an individual in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-44a to  
191 14-44m, inclusive, which authorizes such individual to drive a  
192 commercial motor vehicle;

193 (11) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a vehicle designed or used  
194 to transport passengers or property, except a vehicle used within one  
195 hundred fifty miles of a farm in connection with the operation of such  
196 farm, fire fighting apparatus or other authorized emergency vehicles,  
197 or a recreational vehicle in private use, which (A) has a gross vehicle  
198 weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one pounds or more; (B) is  
199 designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver,  
200 or is designed to transport more than ten passengers, including the  
201 driver, and is used to transport students under the age of twenty-one  
202 years to and from school; or (C) is transporting hazardous materials  
203 and is required to be placarded in accordance with [the Code of  
204 Federal Regulations Title 49, Part] 49 CFR 172, Subpart F, as amended;

205 (12) "Commercial registration" means the type of registration  
206 required for any motor vehicle designed or used to transport  
207 merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business  
208 enterprise, unless a more specific type of registration is authorized and  
209 issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

210 (13) "Commercial trailer" means a trailer used in the conduct of a  
211 business to transport freight, materials or equipment whether or not  
212 permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer;

213 (14) "Commissioner" includes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
214 and any assistant to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles who is  
215 designated and authorized by, and who is acting for, the  
216 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under a designation; except that the  
217 deputy commissioners of motor vehicles and the Attorney General are  
218 deemed, unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles otherwise  
219 provides, to be designated and authorized by, and acting for, the  
220 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under a designation;

221 (15) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 21a-  
222 240 and the federal laws and regulations incorporated in chapter 420b;

223 (16) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a  
224 determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the  
225 law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative  
226 tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to  
227 secure the person's appearance in court, the payment of a fine or court  
228 cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of  
229 whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated;

230 (17) "Dealer" includes any person actively engaged in buying,  
231 selling or exchanging motor vehicles or trailers who has an established  
232 place of business in this state and who may, incidental to such  
233 business, repair motor vehicles or trailers, or cause them to be repaired  
234 by persons in his or her employ;

235 (18) "Disqualification" means a withdrawal of the privilege to drive  
236 a commercial motor vehicle, which occurs as a result of (A) any  
237 suspension or revocation by the commissioner of the privilege to  
238 operate a motor vehicle; (B) a determination by the Federal Highway  
239 Administration, under the rules of practice for motor carrier safety  
240 contained in [the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Part] 49 CFR  
241 386, as amended, that a person is no longer qualified to operate a  
242 commercial motor vehicle under the standards of [the Code of Federal  
243 Regulations Title 49, Part] 49 CFR 391, as amended; or (C) the loss of  
244 qualification which automatically follows any of the convictions



245 specified in section 14-44k;

246 (19) "Drive" means to drive, operate or be in physical control of a  
247 motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle being towed by another;

248 (20) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates or is in  
249 physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or who is required to  
250 hold a commercial driver's license;

251 (21) "Driver's license" or "operator's license" means a valid  
252 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a license issued by  
253 another state or foreign jurisdiction authorizing the holder thereof to  
254 operate a motor vehicle on the highways;

255 (22) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,  
256 including full-time, regularly employed drivers, casual, intermittent or  
257 occasional drivers, drivers under contract and independent, owner-  
258 operator contractors, who, while in the course of operating a  
259 commercial motor vehicle, are either directly employed by, or are  
260 under contract to, an employer;

261 (23) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a  
262 state or any political subdivision thereof, who owns or leases a  
263 commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial  
264 motor vehicle;

265 (24) "Farm implement" means a vehicle designed and adapted  
266 exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising  
267 operations and which is not operated on a highway for transporting a  
268 pay load or for any other commercial purpose;

269 (25) "Felony" means any offense as defined in section 53a-25 and  
270 includes any offense designated as a felony under federal law;

271 (26) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than a state  
272 of the United States;

273 (27) "Fuels" means (A) all products commonly or commercially

known or sold as gasoline, including casinghead and absorption or natural gasoline, regardless of their classification or uses, (B) any liquid prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, which, when subjected to distillation in accordance with the standard method of test for distillation of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene and similar petroleum products by "American Society for Testing Materials Method D-86", shows not less than ten per cent distilled (recovered) below 347 Fahrenheit (175 Centigrade) and not less than ninety-five per cent distilled (recovered) below 464 Fahrenheit (240 Centigrade); provided the term "fuels" shall not include commercial solvents or naphthas which distill, by "American Society for Testing Materials Method D-86", not more than nine per cent at 176 Fahrenheit and which have a distillation range of 150 Fahrenheit, or less, or liquefied gases which would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60 Fahrenheit and a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute, and (C) any liquid commonly referred to as "gasohol" which is prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use, or commonly and commercially used, as a fuel in internal combustion engines, consisting of a blend of gasoline and a minimum of ten per cent by volume of ethyl or methyl alcohol;

(28) "Garage" includes every place of business where motor vehicles are, for compensation, received for housing, storage or repair;

(29) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single or a combination (articulated) vehicle, or its registered gross weight, whichever is greater. The GVWR of a combination (articulated) vehicle commonly referred to as the "gross combination weight rating" or GCWR is the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

(30) "Gross weight" means the light weight of a vehicle plus the weight of any load on the vehicle, provided, in the case of a tractor-trailer unit, "gross weight" means the light weight of the tractor plus

307 the light weight of the trailer or semitrailer plus the weight of the load  
308 on the vehicle;

309 (31) "Hazardous materials" has the same meaning as in Section 103  
310 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, [Section 1801 et seq.,  
311 Title 49, United States Code] 49 USC 1801 et seq.;

312 (32) "Head lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the front of a  
313 motor vehicle projecting a high intensity beam which lights the road in  
314 front of the vehicle so that it can proceed safely during the hours of  
315 darkness;

316 (33) "High-mileage vehicle" means a motor vehicle having the  
317 following characteristics: (A) Not less than three wheels in contact with  
318 the ground; (B) a completely enclosed seat on which the driver sits; (C)  
319 a single or two cylinder, gasoline or diesel engine or an electric-  
320 powered engine; and (D) efficient fuel consumption;

321 (34) "Highway" includes any state or other public highway, road,  
322 street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of  
323 the state or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated,  
324 appropriated or opened to public travel or other use;

325 (35) "Intersecting highway" includes any public highway which  
326 joins another at an angle whether or not it crosses the other;

327 (36) "Light weight" means the weight of an unloaded motor vehicle  
328 as ordinarily equipped and ready for use, exclusive of the weight of  
329 the operator of the motor vehicle;

330 (37) "Limited access highway" means a state highway so designated  
331 under the provisions of section 13b-27;

332 (38) "Local authorities" includes the board of aldermen, common  
333 council, chief of police, warden and burgesses, board of selectmen or  
334 other officials having authority for the enactment or enforcement of  
335 traffic regulations within their respective towns, cities or boroughs;

336 (39) "Maintenance vehicle" means any vehicle in use by the state or  
337 by any town, city, borough or district, any state bridge or parkway  
338 authority or any public service company, as defined in section 16-1, in  
339 the maintenance of public highways or bridges and facilities located  
340 within the limits of public highways or bridges;

341 (40) "Manufacturer" means (A) a person, whether a resident or  
342 nonresident, engaged in the business of constructing or assembling  
343 new motor vehicles of a type required to be registered by the  
344 commissioner, for operation upon any highway, which are offered for  
345 sale in this state, or (B) a person who distributes new motor vehicles to  
346 new car dealers licensed in this state;

347 (41) "Median divider" means an intervening space or physical  
348 barrier or clearly indicated dividing section separating traffic lanes  
349 provided for vehicles proceeding in opposite directions;

350 (42) "Minibike" or "minicycle" means any two or three wheel  
351 motorcycle having one or more of the following characteristics: (A)  
352 Ten inches (254 mm) or less nominal wheel rim diameter; (B) forty  
353 inches or less wheel base; (C) twenty-five inches or less seat height  
354 measured at the lowest point on the top of the seat cushion without  
355 rider; (D) a propelling engine having a piston displacement of 50 c.c. or  
356 less;

357 (43) "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
358 twenty-five years old or older which has been modified for safe road  
359 use, including but not limited to, modifications to the drive train,  
360 suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus;

361 (44) "Motor bus" includes any motor vehicle, except a taxicab, as  
362 defined in section 13b-95, as amended, operated in whole or in part on  
363 any street or highway in a manner affording a means of transportation  
364 by indiscriminately receiving or discharging passengers, or running on  
365 a regular route or over any portion of a regular route or between fixed  
366 termini;

367 (45) "Motor home" means a vehicular unit designed to provide  
368 living quarters and necessary amenities which are built into an integral  
369 part of, or permanently attached to, a truck or van chassis;

370 (46) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle, with or without a side car,  
371 having not more than three wheels in contact with the ground and a  
372 saddle or seat on which the rider sits or a platform on which the rider  
373 stands and includes bicycles having a motor attached, except bicycles  
374 propelled by means of a helper motor as defined in section 14-286, as  
375 amended, but does not include a vehicle having or designed to have a  
376 completely enclosed driver's seat and a motor which is not in the  
377 enclosed area;

378 (47) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any  
379 nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage  
380 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities,  
381 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by physically  
382 handicapped persons at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour,  
383 golf carts operated on highways solely for the purpose of crossing  
384 from one part of the golf course to another, golf cart type vehicles  
385 operated on roads or highways on the grounds of state institutions by  
386 state employees, agricultural tractors, farm implements, such vehicles  
387 as run only on rails or tracks, self-propelled snow plows, snow blowers  
388 and lawn mowers, when used for the purposes for which they were  
389 designed and operated at speeds not exceeding four miles per hour,  
390 whether or not the operator rides on or walks behind such equipment,  
391 bicycles with helper motors as defined in section 14-286, as amended,  
392 special mobile equipment as defined in subsection (i) of section 14-165  
393 and any other vehicle not suitable for operation on a highway;

394 (48) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, the equitable or  
395 legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer,  
396 distributor or dealer to an ultimate consumer;

397 (49) "Nonresident" means any person whose legal residence is in a  
398 state other than Connecticut or in a foreign country;

399 (50) "Nonresident commercial driver's license" or "nonresident CDL"  
400 means a commercial driver's license issued by a state to an individual  
401 who resides in a foreign jurisdiction;

402 (51) "Nonskid device" means any device applied to the tires, wheels,  
403 axles or frame of a motor vehicle for the purpose of increasing the  
404 traction of the motor vehicle;

405 (52) "Number plate" means any sign or marker furnished by the  
406 commissioner on which is displayed the registration number assigned  
407 to a motor vehicle by the commissioner;

408 (53) "Officer" includes any constable, state marshal, inspector of  
409 motor vehicles, state policeman or other official authorized to make  
410 arrests or to serve process, provided the officer is in uniform or  
411 displays the officer's badge of office in a conspicuous place when  
412 making an arrest;

413 (54) "Operator" means any person who operates a motor vehicle or  
414 who steers or directs the course of a motor vehicle being towed by  
415 another motor vehicle and includes a driver as defined in subdivision  
416 (20) of this section;

417 (55) "Out-of-service order" means a temporary prohibition against  
418 driving a commercial motor vehicle or any other vehicle subject to the  
419 federal motor carrier safety regulations enforced by the commissioner  
420 pursuant to the commissioner's authority under section 14-8;

421 (56) "Owner" means any person holding title to a motor vehicle, or  
422 having the legal right to register the same, including purchasers under  
423 conditional bills of sale;

424 (57) "Parked vehicle" means a motor vehicle in a stationary position  
425 within the limits of a public highway;

426 (58) "Passenger and commercial motor vehicle" means a motor  
427 vehicle used for private passenger and commercial purposes which is  
428 eligible for combination registration;

429 (59) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for the  
430 private transportation of persons and their personal belongings,  
431 designed to carry occupants in comfort and safety, with a capacity of  
432 carrying not more than ten passengers including the operator thereof;

433 (60) "Passenger registration" means the type of registration issued to  
434 a passenger motor vehicle unless a more specific type of registration is  
435 authorized and issued by the commissioner for such class of vehicle;

436 (61) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, limited liability  
437 company, association, copartnership, company, firm, business trust or  
438 other aggregation of individuals but does not include the state or any  
439 political subdivision thereof, unless the context clearly states or  
440 requires;

441 (62) "Pick-up truck" means a motor vehicle with an enclosed  
442 forward passenger compartment and an open rearward compartment  
443 used for the transportation of property, and having a gross vehicle  
444 weight rating of less than ten thousand pounds;

445 ~~[(62)]~~ (63) "Pneumatic tires" means tires inflated or inflatable with  
446 air;

447 ~~[(63)]~~ (64) "Pole trailer" means a trailer which is (A) intended for  
448 transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, logs, pipes  
449 or structural members, which loads are capable of sustaining  
450 themselves as beams between supporting connections, and (B)  
451 designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and attached or secured  
452 directly to the motor vehicle by any means including a reach, pole or  
453 boom;

454 ~~[(64)]~~ (65) "Recreational vehicle" includes the camper, camp trailer  
455 and motor home classes of vehicles;

456 ~~[(65)]~~ (66) "Registration" includes the certificate of motor vehicle  
457 registration and the number plate or plates used in connection with  
458 such registration;

459       [(66)] (67) "Registration number" means the identifying number or  
460 letters, or both, assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

461       [(67)] (68) "Resident", for the purpose of registering motor vehicles,  
462 includes any person having a place of residence in this state, occupied  
463 by such person for more than six months in a year, or any person, firm  
464 or corporation owning or leasing a motor vehicle used or operated in  
465 intrastate business in this state, or a firm or corporation having its  
466 principal office or place of business in this state;

467       [(68)] (69) "School bus" means any school bus, as defined in section  
468 14-275;

469       [(69)] (70) "Second" violation or "subsequent" violation means an  
470 offense committed not more than three years after the date of an arrest  
471 which resulted in a previous conviction for a violation of the same  
472 statutory provision, except in the case of a violation of section 14-215,  
473 as amended, or 14-224 or subsection (a) of section 14-227a, "second"  
474 violation or "subsequent" violation means an offense committed not  
475 more than ten years after the date of an arrest which resulted in a  
476 previous conviction for a violation of the same statutory provision;

477       [(70)] (71) "Semitrailer" means any trailer type vehicle designed and  
478 used in conjunction with a motor vehicle so that some part of its own  
479 weight and load rests on or is carried by another vehicle;

480       [(71)] (72) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction, when  
481 operating a commercial motor vehicle, of any violation (A) of section  
482 14-218a or 14-219, if the speed was fifteen miles per hour or more over  
483 the posted speed limit, (B) of section 14-222, (C) of section 14-240 or 14-  
484 240a, (D) of section 14-236, or (E) arising in connection with an accident  
485 related to the operation of a commercial motor vehicle and which  
486 resulted in the death of any person;

487       [(72)] (73) "Service bus" includes any vehicle except a vanpool  
488 vehicle or a school bus designed and regularly used to carry ten or  
489 more passengers when used in private service for the transportation of



490 persons without charge to the individual;

491     [(73)] (74) "Service car" means any motor vehicle used by a  
492 manufacturer, dealer or repairer for emergency motor vehicle repairs  
493 on the highways of this state, for towing or for the transportation of  
494 necessary persons, tools and materials to and from the scene of such  
495 emergency repairs or towing;

496     [(74)] (75) "Shoulder" means that portion of a highway immediately  
497 adjacent and contiguous to the travel lanes or main traveled portion of  
498 the roadway;

499     [(75)] (76) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber, or other elastic material  
500 approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, which do not  
501 depend on confined air for the support of the load;

502     [(76)] (77) "Spot lamp" or "spot light" means a lighting device  
503 projecting a high intensity beam, the direction of which can be readily  
504 controlled for special or emergency lighting as distinguished from  
505 ordinary road illumination;

506     [(77)] (78) "State" means any state of the United States and the  
507 District of Columbia unless the context indicates a more specific  
508 reference to the state of Connecticut;

509     [(78)] (79) "Stop" means complete cessation of movement;

510     [(79)] (80) "Tail lamp" means a lighting device affixed to the rear of a  
511 motor vehicle showing a red light to the rear and indicating the  
512 presence of the motor vehicle when viewed from behind;

513     [(80)] (81) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle  
514 designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank that  
515 is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its  
516 chassis which shall include, but not be limited to, a cargo tank and  
517 portable tank, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49,  
518 Section 383.5, as amended, provided it shall not include a portable tank  
519 with a rated capacity not to exceed one thousand gallons;

520     [(81)] (82) "Tractor" or "truck tractor" means a motor vehicle  
521     designed and used for drawing a semitrailer;

522     [(82)] (83) "Tractor-trailer unit" means a combination of a tractor and  
523     a trailer or a combination of a tractor and a semitrailer;

524     [(83)] (84) "Trailer" means any rubber-tired vehicle without motive  
525     power drawn or propelled by a motor vehicle;

526     [(84)] (85) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used or  
527     maintained primarily for the transportation of property;

528     [(85)] (86) "Ultimate consumer" means, with respect to a motor  
529     vehicle, the first person, other than a dealer, who in good faith  
530     purchases the motor vehicle for purposes other than resale;

531     [(86)] (87) "United States" means the fifty states and the District of  
532     Columbia;

533     [(87)] (88) "Used motor vehicle" includes any motor vehicle which  
534     has been previously separately registered by an ultimate consumer;

535     [(88)] (89) "Utility trailer" means a trailer designed and used to  
536     transport personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not  
537     permanently affixed to the bed of the trailer, with a manufacturer's  
538     GVWR of ten thousand pounds or less;

539     [(89)] (90) "Vanpool vehicle" includes all motor vehicles, the primary  
540     purpose of which is the daily transportation, on a prearranged  
541     nonprofit basis, of individuals between home and work, and which:  
542     (A) If owned by or leased to a person, or to an employee of the person,  
543     or to an employee of a local, state or federal government unit or agency  
544     located in Connecticut, are manufactured and equipped in such  
545     manner as to provide a seating capacity of at least seven but not more  
546     than fifteen individuals, or (B) if owned by or leased to a regional ride-  
547     sharing organization in the state recognized by the Commissioner of  
548     Transportation, are manufactured and equipped in such manner as to  
549     provide a seating capacity of at least six but not more than nineteen

550 individuals;

551 [(90)] (91) "Vehicle" includes any device suitable for the conveyance,  
552 drawing or other transportation of persons or property, whether  
553 operated on wheels, runners, a cushion of air or by any other means.  
554 The term does not include devices propelled or drawn by human  
555 power or devices used exclusively on tracks;

556 [(91)] (92) "Vehicle identification number" or "VIN" means a series of  
557 Arabic numbers and Roman letters that is assigned to each new motor  
558 vehicle that is manufactured within or imported into the United States,  
559 in accordance with the provisions of [the Code of Federal Regulations,  
560 Title 49, Part] 49 CFR 565, unless another sequence of numbers and  
561 letters has been assigned to a motor vehicle by the commissioner, in  
562 accordance with the provisions of section 14-149, as amended;

563 [(92)] (93) "Wrecker" means a vehicle which is registered, designed,  
564 equipped and used for the purposes of towing or transporting  
565 wrecked or disabled motor vehicles for compensation or for related  
566 purposes by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with  
567 the provisions of subpart (D) of part III of this chapter.

568 Sec. 8. Subsection (e) of section 14-49 of the general statutes, as  
569 amended by section 26 of public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session,  
570 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
571 *from passage*):

572 (e) (1) For the registration of a passenger motor vehicle used in part  
573 for commercial purposes, except any pick-up truck, the commissioner  
574 shall charge a biennial fee of eighty-three dollars and shall issue  
575 combination registration to such vehicle. (2) For the registration of a  
576 school bus, the commissioner shall charge an annual fee of one  
577 hundred dollars for a type I school bus and sixty dollars for a type II  
578 school bus. (3) For the registration of a motor vehicle when used in  
579 part for commercial purposes and as a passenger motor vehicle or of a  
580 motor vehicle having a seating capacity greater than ten and not used  
581 for the conveyance of passengers for hire, the commissioner shall

582 charge a biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as  
583 outlined in section 14-47, as amended, plus the sum of thirteen dollars  
584 and shall issue combination registration to such vehicle. (4) [A motor  
585 vehicle used in part for commercial purposes and used in part for  
586 private passenger purposes and registered pursuant to this section]  
587 Each vehicle registered as combination shall be issued a number plate  
588 bearing the word "combination". No vehicle registered as combination  
589 may have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of ten thousand  
590 pounds. (5) For the registration of a pick-up truck that is not used in  
591 part for commercial purposes, the commissioner shall charge a  
592 biennial fee for gross weight as for commercial registration, as  
593 provided in section 14-47, as amended, plus the sum of thirteen  
594 dollars. The commissioner may issue passenger registration to any  
595 such vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of eight thousand five  
596 hundred pounds or less.

597 Sec. 9. Subsection (c) of section 14-49 of the general statutes, as  
598 amended by section 33 of public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session,  
599 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
600 *1, 2004*):

601 (c) For the registration of each taxicab or motor vehicle in livery  
602 service, with a seating capacity of seven or less, the commissioner shall  
603 charge [an annual] a biennial fee of [one hundred twenty-five] two  
604 hundred fifty dollars. When the seating capacity of such motor vehicle  
605 is more than seven, there shall be added to the amount herein  
606 provided the sum of four dollars for each seat so in excess.

607 Sec. 10. Subsection (p) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is  
608 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
609 *1, 2004*):

610 (p) For the registration of a service bus owned by an individual,  
611 firm or corporation, exclusive of any nonprofit charitable, religious,  
612 educational or community service organization, and used for the  
613 transportation of persons without charge, the commissioner shall

614 charge a fee of [one] two hundred dollars for vehicles having a seating  
615 capacity of sixteen passengers or less, including the driver, and [three  
616 hundred fifty] seven hundred dollars for vehicles having a seating  
617 capacity of more than sixteen passengers. For the registration of any  
618 service bus owned by any nonprofit charitable, religious, educational  
619 or community service organization, the commissioner shall charge a  
620 fee of [seventy-five] one hundred fifty dollars for vehicles having a  
621 seating capacity of sixteen passengers or less, and [two hundred fifty]  
622 five hundred dollars for vehicles having a seating capacity of more  
623 than sixteen passengers, provided such service bus is used exclusively  
624 for the purpose of transporting persons in relation to the purposes and  
625 activities of such organization. Each such registration shall be issued  
626 for a biennial period in accordance with a schedule established by the  
627 commissioner. Nothing herein contained shall affect the provisions of  
628 subsection (e) of this section.

629 Sec. 11. Section 14-164a of the general statutes, as amended by  
630 section 37 of public act 03-3 of the June 30 special session, is repealed  
631 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

632 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any race, contest or  
633 demonstration of speed or skill with a motor vehicle as a public  
634 exhibition [until a permit for such race or exhibition has been obtained  
635 from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] except in accordance with  
636 the provisions of this section. [Any person desiring to manage, operate  
637 or conduct such a motor vehicle race or exhibition shall make  
638 application in writing to said commissioner at least ten days prior to  
639 the race or exhibition and such application shall set forth in detail the  
640 time of such proposed race or exhibition, together with a description of  
641 the kind and number of motor vehicles to be used and such further  
642 information as said commissioner may require. Such application shall  
643 be accompanied by a fee of seventy-five dollars. The Commissioner of  
644 Motor Vehicles, upon receipt of such application and fee, shall cause  
645 an inquiry to be made concerning the condition of the race track or  
646 place of exhibition and all of the appurtenances thereto and, if the  
647 commissioner finds no unusual hazard to participants in such race or

648 exhibition or to persons attending such race or exhibition, the  
649 commissioner may issue a permit naming a definite date for such]  
650 Such race or exhibition [, which] may be conducted at any reasonable  
651 hour of any week day or after twelve o'clock noon on any Sunday. The  
652 [commissioner, with the approval of the] legislative body of the city,  
653 borough or town in which the race or exhibition will be held [,] may  
654 issue a permit allowing a start time prior to twelve o'clock noon on any  
655 Sunday, provided no such race or exhibition shall take place contrary  
656 to the provisions of any city, borough or town ordinances. The  
657 [commissioner may make regulations as to the conditions under which  
658 each such race or exhibition may be conducted, including  
659 requirements as to types of tires suitable for safe use, the age and  
660 physical condition of the participating operators, the number and  
661 qualifications of attending personnel, the provision of] person  
662 conducting such race or exhibition shall provide for first-aid and  
663 medical supplies and equipment, including ambulances, and the  
664 attendance of doctors or other persons qualified to give emergency  
665 medical aid, police and fire protection, and such other requirements as  
666 will eliminate any unusual hazard to participants in such race or  
667 exhibition or to the spectators. Each facility where racing is conducted  
668 shall contain restricted areas which shall be posted with notice that  
669 only persons with the appropriate credentials may be admitted to such  
670 restricted areas. Areas of the facility subject to this requirement shall  
671 include, but need not be limited to, the pit area and pit lane, track,  
672 media area or areas and any other area that is unprotected from  
673 participating vehicles. Smoking or carrying a lighted smoking  
674 implement shall be prohibited in any area where fuel is stored or  
675 transferred.

676 (b) No minor under the age of sixteen years may participate in  
677 motor cross racing, except that a minor thirteen years of age or older  
678 may participate in such racing with the written permission of the  
679 minor's parents or legal guardian. If weather or track conditions are  
680 such as to make such race or exhibition unusually hazardous, [the  
681 commissioner or other person designated by the commissioner may]

682 the person conducting such race or exhibition shall cancel or postpone  
683 the same or may require the use of tires of a type [approved by the  
684 commissioner] manufactured for such adverse conditions. No person  
685 shall conduct or participate in any motor vehicle race or contest or  
686 demonstration of speed or skill in any motor vehicle on the ice of any  
687 body of water. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a motor  
688 vehicle with a motor of no more than three horsepower or a go-cart-  
689 type vehicle with a motor of no more than twelve horsepower, when  
690 operated on a track of one-eighth of a mile or less in length.  
691 Preliminary preparations and practice runs, performed after eleven  
692 o'clock in the forenoon, on the date designated in the permit and prior  
693 to cancellation or postponement, shall not be construed to constitute a  
694 race or exhibition within the meaning of this section. No preliminary  
695 preparations or practice runs shall be performed before twelve o'clock  
696 noon on Sunday. For the purposes of this subsection, "motor cross  
697 racing" means motorcycle racing on a dirt track by participants  
698 operating motorcycles designed and manufactured exclusively for off-  
699 road use and powered by an engine having a capacity of not more than  
700 five hundred cubic centimeters piston displacement.

701 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in  
702 accordance with chapter 54, concerning mandatory safety equipment  
703 for vehicles that participate in any race or exhibition conducted in  
704 accordance with the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall  
705 require any equipment necessary for the protection of drivers.

706 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) Any person participating in or conducting any motor  
707 vehicle race or exhibition contrary to the provisions of this section shall  
708 be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more  
709 than six months, or both.

710 Sec. 12. Subdivision (3) of section 14-165 of the general statutes is  
711 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
712 *1, 2004*):

713 (3) "Identification number" means the vehicle identification number

714 of a motor vehicle, as defined in [subdivision (91) of subsection (a) of]  
715 section 14-1, as amended by this act.

716 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 14-168a of the general statutes is  
717 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
718 *1, 2004*):

719 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any section of the general  
720 statutes, [to the contrary,] a used car dealer licensed in accordance with  
721 the provisions of section 14-52 who enters into a contract with a  
722 manufacturer of equipment or parts used in the assembly of a wrecker,  
723 including a flatbed wrecker, as defined in [subdivision (65) of] section  
724 14-1, as amended by this act, or used in the assembly of a special  
725 purpose body to a cab and chassis, including a body for a refuse  
726 compactor, transit mixer, dump truck, tank truck or other vehicle  
727 designed for the transportation of bulk materials or to which  
728 machinery is attached, and who purchases from a new car dealer  
729 licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-52 any new  
730 chassis, cab or other portion of an incomplete motor vehicle for such  
731 purpose, may sell or offer for sale such wrecker or other motor vehicle  
732 as a new motor vehicle provided all parts of any such wrecker or other  
733 motor vehicle are new.

734 Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 14-290 of the general statutes is  
735 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
736 *1, 2004*):

737 (c) Any wrecker, as defined in [subdivision (90) of] section 14-1, as  
738 amended by this act, shall be exempt from the provisions of section 14-  
739 267a, as amended, provided such wrecker is in the course of towing or  
740 hauling a disabled motor vehicle from the point where such vehicle  
741 became disabled and does not exceed any of the weight limits  
742 provided in section 14-267a, as amended, by more than twenty per  
743 cent.

744 Sec. 15. Section 42-220 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
745 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):



746 As used in sections 42-220 to 42-226, inclusive:

747 (1) "Dealer" means any person, firm or corporation licensed  
748 pursuant to section 14-52, as a new car dealer or a used car dealer, as  
749 defined in section 14-51, or any person, firm or corporation licensed  
750 pursuant to section 14-15 which engages in the business of selling a  
751 used motor vehicle to a consumer;

752 (2) "Motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as defined in  
753 [subdivision (30) of] section 14-1, as amended by this act;

754 (3) "Used motor vehicle" means a used or secondhand motor  
755 vehicle, as defined in [subdivision (62) of] section 14-1, as amended by  
756 this act;

757 (4) "Cash purchase price" means all amounts charged for the  
758 purchase of a motor vehicle, including the value of a trade-in vehicle,  
759 except a finance charge; and

760 (5) "Consumer" means the purchaser, other than for purposes of  
761 resale, of a used motor vehicle normally used for personal, family or  
762 household purposes, and the spouse or child of the purchaser if such  
763 motor vehicle is transferred to the spouse or child during the duration  
764 of any warranty applicable to such motor vehicle, and any other  
765 person entitled by the terms of such warranty to enforce the  
766 obligations of the warranty. "Consumer" does not mean the lessee of a  
767 motor vehicle or the spouse, child or other family member of the lessee  
768 who, pursuant to a lease contract option, purchases such vehicle at the  
769 end of the lease term.

770 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 14-50a of the general statutes, as  
771 amended by section 117 of public act 03-1 of the June 30 special  
772 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
773 (*Effective from passage*):

774 (b) The commissioner may establish fees not conforming to those of  
775 subsection (a) of this section for information furnished on a volume

776 basis to persons or firms who satisfy the commissioner that the  
777 information furnished is properly required in connection with the  
778 conduct of such person's or firm's business, except that commencing  
779 on August 16, 2003, the fee established under this subsection for  
780 driving history records furnished to for-profit businesses shall be not  
781 less than fifteen dollars.

782 Sec. 17. Subsection (bb) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is  
783 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
784 *1, 2004*):

785 (bb) The commissioner shall refund one-half of the registration fee  
786 for [(1) any passenger registration when the number plate or plates  
787 and registration certificate are returned on or after January 1, 1995, or  
788 (2) any all terrain, combination, early American farm, handicapped,  
789 motorcycle, snowmobile and vanpool registration when the number  
790 plate or plates and registration certificate are returned on or after July  
791 1, 1999] any motor vehicle when the number plate or plates and  
792 registration certificate are returned on or after July 1, 2004, with one  
793 year or more remaining until the expiration of such registration.

794 Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 15-144 of the general statutes is  
795 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
796 *1, 2004*):

797 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit marine  
798 dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to assign registration numbers  
799 and issue temporary certificates of number upon the sale or transfer of  
800 a vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the issuance of such  
801 temporary certificate submit to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles an  
802 application together with all necessary documents, information and  
803 fees for a permanent certificate of number for the vessel transfer.

804 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may permit such marine  
805 dealers to issue temporary certificates of decal upon the sale or transfer  
806 of a documented vessel. The dealer shall within ten days from the  
807 issuance of such temporary certificate submit to the Commissioner of

808 Motor Vehicles an application together with all necessary documents,  
809 information and fees for a permanent certificate of decal with respect  
810 to such vessel.

811 (3) On and after March 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
812 shall permit marine dealers, as defined in section 15-141, to submit the  
813 applications and documents required under subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
814 this subsection by electronic means. Said commissioner shall adopt  
815 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions  
816 of this subdivision.

817 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is  
818 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
819 *1, 2004*):

820 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications  
821 and renewal applications for special license plates and removable  
822 windshield placards from (1) any person who is blind, as defined in  
823 section 1-1f; (2) any person with disabilities which limit or impair the  
824 ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Part 1235.2; (3) any parent or  
825 guardian of any blind person or person with disabilities who is under  
826 eighteen years of age at the time of application; and (4) any  
827 organization which meets criteria established by the commissioner and  
828 which certifies to the commissioner's satisfaction that the vehicle for  
829 which a plate or placard is requested is primarily used to transport  
830 blind persons or persons with disabilities which limit or impair their  
831 ability to walk. Such applications shall be on a form prescribed by the  
832 commissioner and shall include certification of disability from a  
833 licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse, licensed in  
834 accordance with the provisions of chapter 378, or of blindness from an  
835 ophthalmologist or an optometrist. In the case of persons with  
836 disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk, the application  
837 shall also include certification from a licensed physician, an advanced  
838 practice registered nurse, licensed in accordance with the provisions of  
839 chapter 378, or a member of the handicapped driver training unit  
840 established pursuant to section 14-11b that the applicant meets the

841 definition of persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability  
842 to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2. The commissioner, in said  
843 commissioner's discretion, may accept the discharge papers of a  
844 disabled veteran, as defined in section 14-254, in lieu of such  
845 certification. The commissioner may require additional certification at  
846 the time of the original application or at any time thereafter. If a person  
847 who has been requested to submit additional certification fails to do so  
848 within thirty days of the request, or if such additional certification is  
849 deemed by the commissioner to be unfavorable to the applicant, the  
850 commissioner may refuse to issue or, if already issued, suspend or  
851 revoke such special license plate or removable windshield placard. The  
852 fee for the issuance of a temporary removable windshield placard shall  
853 be five dollars. Any person whose application has been denied or  
854 whose special license plate or removable windshield placard has been  
855 suspended or revoked shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing  
856 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

857       Sec. 20. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
858 shall study the feasibility and benefits of a program to permit each new  
859 or used car dealer, licensed in accordance with the provisions of  
860 section 14-52 of the general statutes, to offer the purchaser or lessee of  
861 a new or used motor vehicle the optional service of marking six or  
862 more motor vehicle component parts with the vehicle identification  
863 number or a personal identification number selected by the purchaser  
864 or lessee. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, consideration  
865 of establishing a secure database of all numbers used in the marking of  
866 component parts, and for telephone or electronic access to such  
867 database by the owners or lessees of marked vehicles and by  
868 authorized law enforcement agencies and officials. On or before  
869 January 15, 2005, said commissioner shall report the findings of such  
870 study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
871 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with  
872 chapter 54 of the general statutes, along with any recommendations for  
873 implementation of such a program.

874       Sec. 21. Section 14-65 of the general statutes is repealed and the

875 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

876 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of  
877 selling motor vehicles at auction unless such person, firm or  
878 corporation is licensed as a new or used car dealer and has obtained an  
879 auction permit from the commissioner. Such auction permit may be  
880 issued at the discretion of the commissioner. The fee for such auction  
881 permit shall be thirteen dollars.

882 (b) A totalled or salvaged motor vehicle with a certificate of title  
883 stamped "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" shall be sold at auction in an area  
884 that is separate from any area in which other motor vehicles are being  
885 sold at auction.

886 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a sale by a state  
887 marshal or to a private auction sale of motor vehicles, used by the  
888 seller, who is not a used car dealer as defined in section 14-51, in the  
889 operation of such seller's business or for personal use.

890 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person, firm  
891 or corporation engaged primarily in the business of conducting  
892 auction sales of construction equipment and other special mobile  
893 equipment, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 14-165, and  
894 incidentally in auction sales of trailers and other motor vehicles, at a  
895 fixed location and place of business in this state, provided such person,  
896 firm or corporation was engaged in such business at such fixed  
897 location and place of business in this state on or before January 1, 2004.  
898 If such person, firm or corporation accepts motor vehicles on  
899 consignment from any licensed dealer, which motor vehicles are  
900 offered for sale to the public, such consigning dealer shall be required  
901 to obtain a permit in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)  
902 of this section. Such consigning dealer shall be responsible for  
903 compliance with the provisions of sections 42-220 to 42-226a, inclusive.

904 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
905 with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this  
906 section.

907     ~~[(e)]~~ (f) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be a class B  
908     misdemeanor. Each person, firm or corporation that conducts an  
909     auction sale in accordance with any of the provisions of this section  
910     shall be subject to the provisions of sections 14-149, as amended, and  
911     14-149a and to the penalties provided for violations of said sections.  
912     The commissioner may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing,  
913     impose a civil penalty of two thousand dollars on any ~~[person]~~ licensee  
914     who violates ~~[any provision]~~ subsection (b) of this section or any  
915     regulation adopted pursuant to subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section.

916     Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is  
917     repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
918     *1, 2004*):

919     (c) The commissioner shall waive ~~[the]~~ any operator's license ~~[fee~~  
920     and examination] or registration fee, including any renewal fee in the  
921     case of any person in the active service of the armed forces of the  
922     United States who was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his  
923     induction; and for one licensing period to any person honorably  
924     separated from such service who applies therefor within two years  
925     following the date of separation and was a legal resident of  
926     Connecticut at the time of his induction. The commissioner may adopt  
927     regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
928     provisions of this subsection.

929     Sec. 23. Section 14-41 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
930     6 of public act 03-171, section 34 of public act 03-3 of the June 30 special  
931     session and section 6 of public act 04-4, is repealed and the following is  
932     substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

933     (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, as amended by this act,  
934     each motor vehicle operator's license shall be renewed every six years  
935     or every four years on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance  
936     with a schedule to be established by the commissioner. On and after  
937     July 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the  
938     vision of each motor vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of

939 the operator's license of such operator in accordance with a schedule  
940 adopted by the commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply  
941 to every other renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the  
942 vision screening by the commissioner, such operator may submit the  
943 results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed health care  
944 professional qualified to conduct such screening on a form prescribed  
945 by the commissioner during the twelve months preceding such  
946 renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license may be renewed unless  
947 the operator passes such vision screening. The commissioner shall  
948 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
949 implement the provisions of this subsection relative to the  
950 administration of vision screening.

951 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not  
952 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.  
953 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of [forty-  
954 three] forty-four dollars for a four-year license, [sixty-five] sixty-six  
955 dollars for a six-year license and eleven dollars per year for any part of  
956 a year thereof.

957 (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on  
958 which each motor vehicle operator's license expires, notify the operator  
959 of the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates  
960 a motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of the  
961 operator's license without obtaining a renewal of the license shall be  
962 deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license and  
963 shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the  
964 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any  
965 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36, as  
966 amended, for the same act constituting a violation under this section  
967 but section 14-36, as amended, shall apply after the sixty-day period.

968 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration  
969 date of any motor vehicle operator's license or any public passenger  
970 transportation permit falls on any day when offices of the  
971 commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a full

972 business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until  
973 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are  
974 open for a full day of business.

975 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 14-41a of the general statutes, as  
976 amended by section 7 of public act 03-171 and section 7 of public act  
977 04-4, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
978 (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

979 (a) An individual sixty-five years of age or older may renew a motor  
980 vehicle operator's license for either a two-year period or a six-year  
981 period. The fee for any license issued for a two-year period shall be  
982 [twenty-one] twenty-two dollars.

983 Sec. 25. Section 14-44h of the general statutes, as amended by section  
984 8 of public act 03-171, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
985 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

986 (a) Each commercial driver's license shall be renewed [every six  
987 years] quadrennially on the date of the operator's birthday.

988 (b) A commercial driver's license shall expire within a period not  
989 exceeding [six] four years following the date of the operator's next  
990 birthday. The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate  
991 of [one dollar and twenty-five cents per month except that the fee shall  
992 not exceed five dollars and fifty cents for any six-month period plus  
993 the sum of nine dollars] fifteen dollars per year or any part thereof.

994 [(c) If a change is made in the records of the Department of Motor  
995 Vehicles affecting the date of birth of an operator after the original  
996 issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license, the expiration  
997 date shall remain as originally issued or renewed until the license  
998 expires. The operator shall then be issued a renewal license to expire  
999 on the date of the operator's birthday. No renewal license shall be  
1000 issued for a period of less than twenty-four months or more than  
1001 seventy-two months depending on the year of the operator's birth. The  
1002 fee for such renewal license shall be computed at the rate of one dollar



1003 per month from the last day of the month in which such license  
1004 expired except that the fee shall not exceed five dollars for any six-  
1005 month period, plus the sum of four dollars.]

1006 [(d)] (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date  
1007 on which each commercial driver's license expires, notify the operator  
1008 of the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates  
1009 a commercial motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date  
1010 of such operator license without obtaining a renewal of such license  
1011 shall be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's  
1012 license and shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated  
1013 for the infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license.  
1014 Any operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36,  
1015 as amended, for the same act constituting a violation under this section  
1016 but said section 14-36, as amended, shall apply after the sixty-day  
1017 period.

1018 [(e)] (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the  
1019 expiration date of any commercial driver's license falls on any day  
1020 when offices of the commissioner are closed for business or are open  
1021 for less than a full business day, the license shall be deemed valid until  
1022 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are  
1023 open for a full day of business.

1024 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 14-44i of the general statutes, as  
1025 amended by section 23 of public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session,  
1026 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1027 *1, 2004*):

1028 (a) [Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-44h,  
1029 there] There shall be charged a fee of [ninety] sixty dollars for each  
1030 renewal of a commercial driver's license.

1031 Sec. 27. Subsection (i) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is  
1032 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1033 *1, 2004*):

1034 (i) The commissioner may issue a temporary registration to the  
1035 owner of a motor vehicle. The application for a temporary registration  
1036 shall conform to the provisions of this section. [The commissioner may  
1037 require a deposit from the applicant equal to the cost of registering the  
1038 motor vehicle. The deposit, minus the proper fee or fees, shall be  
1039 returned to the applicant upon the surrender of the registration and  
1040 any temporary plate or plates issued for the vehicle.] A temporary  
1041 registration may be issued for a time determined by the commissioner  
1042 and may be renewed from time to time at the discretion of the  
1043 commissioner. The fee for a temporary registration or any renewal  
1044 thereof shall be as provided in subsection (n) of section 14-49.

1045 Sec. 28. Subsection (n) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is  
1046 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1047 *1, 2004*):

1048 (n) No person, firm or corporation shall operate or allow to be  
1049 operated any motor vehicle that has not been inspected and found to  
1050 be in compliance with the provisions of subsections (c), (d) and (i) of  
1051 this section and the regulations adopted by the commissioner.  
1052 Operation in violation of said subsections or the regulations adopted  
1053 by the commissioner shall be an infraction for each violation, except  
1054 that the fine for a first violation shall be thirty-five dollars. The  
1055 commissioner may deny the issuance of registration to the owner of a  
1056 motor vehicle, or the renewal of registration to any such owner, or  
1057 suspend or revoke any registration that has been issued, if such motor  
1058 vehicle is not in compliance with the inspection requirements of this  
1059 chapter, or such owner has failed to pay any fee required by the  
1060 provisions of this chapter.

1061 Sec. 29. Subsection (f) of section 14-10 of the general statutes, as  
1062 amended by section 7 of public act 03-265, is repealed and the  
1063 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

1064 (f) The commissioner may disclose personal information from a  
1065 motor vehicle record to:

1066 (1) Any federal, state or local government agency in carrying out its  
1067 functions or to any individual or entity acting on behalf of any such  
1068 agency, or

1069 (2) Any individual, organization or entity that signs and files with  
1070 the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided in  
1071 section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the  
1072 commissioner, together with such supporting documentation or  
1073 information as the commissioner may require, that such information  
1074 will be used for any of the following purposes:

1075 (A) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and  
1076 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,  
1077 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and  
1078 dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers, motor vehicle market research  
1079 activities including survey research, motor vehicle product and service  
1080 communications and removal of nonowner records from the original  
1081 owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers to implement the  
1082 provisions of the federal Automobile Information Disclosure Act, 15  
1083 USC 1231 et seq., the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq., and 49 USC  
1084 Chapters 301, 305 and 321 to 331, inclusive, as amended from time to  
1085 time, and any provision of the general statutes enacted to attain  
1086 compliance with said federal acts;

1087 (B) In the normal course of business by the requesting party, but  
1088 only to confirm the accuracy of personal information submitted by the  
1089 individual to the requesting party;

1090 (C) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral  
1091 proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self-  
1092 regulatory body, including the service of process, an investigation in  
1093 anticipation of litigation by an attorney-at-law or any individual acting  
1094 on behalf of an attorney-at-law and the execution or enforcement of  
1095 judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court provided  
1096 the requesting party is a party in interest to such proceeding;

1097 (D) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and

1098 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations,  
1099 recalls or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and  
1100 motor vehicle parts and dealers, [motor vehicle market research  
1101 activities including survey research, motor vehicle product and service  
1102 communications,] producing statistical reports and removal of  
1103 nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle  
1104 manufacturers, provided the personal information is not published,  
1105 disclosed or used to contact individuals except as permitted under  
1106 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

1107 (E) By any insurer or insurance support organization or by a self-  
1108 insured entity or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection  
1109 with the investigation of claims arising under insurance policies,  
1110 antifraud activities, rating or underwriting;

1111 (F) In providing any notice required by law to owners or lienholders  
1112 named in the certificate of title of towed, abandoned or impounded  
1113 motor vehicles;

1114 (G) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify  
1115 information relating to a holder of a passenger endorsement or  
1116 commercial driver's license required under 49 USC Chapter 313, and  
1117 sections 14-44 to 14-44m, inclusive, as amended;

1118 (H) In connection with any lawful purpose of a labor organization,  
1119 as defined in section 31-77, provided (i) such organization has entered  
1120 into a contract with the commissioner, on such terms and conditions as  
1121 the commissioner may require, and (ii) the information will be used  
1122 only for the purposes specified in the contract other than campaign or  
1123 political purposes;

1124 (I) For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitations  
1125 provided the commissioner has obtained the express consent of the  
1126 individual to whom such personal information pertains;

1127 (J) For the purpose of preventing fraud by verifying the accuracy of  
1128 personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, including an

1129 individual's photograph or computerized image, as submitted by an  
 1130 individual to a legitimate business or an agent, employee or contractor  
 1131 of a legitimate business, provided the individual has provided express  
 1132 consent in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this  
 1133 section.

1134 Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) Sections 14-12m and 14-12n of the  
 1135 general statutes are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
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Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
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Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>
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